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Toxic Substances  
Control

*Preventing  
environmental  
damage from  
hazardous waste,  
and restoring  
contaminated  
sites for all  
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## Draft Permit Available for Review for United Technologies Corporation in San Jose, California

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to comment on a draft permit renewal for a hazardous waste storage facility, operated by United Technologies Corporation (UTC) in San Jose, California. The 10-year renewal would allow the facility to continue to operate its hazardous waste storage units while the facility is undergoing closure.

### Facility Description

United Technologies Corporation (UTC) is located at 600 Metcalf Road, San Jose, California 95138 in Santa Clara County. The 5,200-acre facility began operations in 1959. UTC's activities included the development, manufacture, and testing of solid rocket motors for a variety of space exploration and defense purposes. The major portion of the manufacturing process was the mixing, casting, and curing of solid rocket motor propellants. Production of solid propellant was discontinued in August 2003 and all other operations ended in December 2004. Currently, UTC's major activities are decommissioning/closure of facilities and equipment, cleaning up soil and groundwater, and facilities support operations. These activities result in the generation of hazardous wastes. There are 241 buildings and structures that will be assessed and decontaminated as needed in order to remove chemicals and materials that may remain from the rocket manufacturing processes. UTC is also conducting investigation and cleanup of soil and groundwater contamination.

### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC MEETING

Comment Period: July 9, 2007 to August 22, 2007

Public Meeting: Thursday, July 26, 2007 at 6:00 p.m.

San Jose Community College District, Board Room, 4750 San Felipe Road, San Jose

The 45-day public comment period for the draft Permit, and draft CEQA Notice of Exemption begins on July 9, 2007 and ends on August 22, 2007. Copies of the draft documents can be viewed at the information repositories listed on page 3 of this fact sheet.

Written and emailed comments must be postmarked by August 22, 2007 and sent to:

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Before making a final determination on the draft Permit, DTSC will review and respond in writing to all public comments. A Response to Comments document will be sent to all those who submitted public comments and to those who request a copy. A copy of the Response to Comments will also be placed in the information repositories.



## Draft Hazardous Waste Storage Facility Permit

UTC received its first DTSC permit on October 5, 1983. The permit was modified November 26, 2003, and expired June 20, 2007. The proposed draft permit authorizes operation of the Storage Facility and Storage Magazines during site closure activities. The units will house hazardous waste in containers--typically 55-gallon drums and cubic yard boxes.

## California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Under the California Environmental Quality Act, DTSC must evaluate whether the proposed actions may have any significant impacts on human health and the environment. As part of this evaluation, DTSC has proposed a Notice of Exemption which concludes that renewal of this facility's permit will not result in any impact to human health or the environment.

## Enforcement History

DTSC inspects United Technologies on a regular basis to ensure they are in compliance with California laws, regulations, and the permit conditions. The results of those inspections during the past five years are listed below:

**April 2002:** Minor violation related to financial responsibility, corrected July 2002.

**April 2004:** No violations.

**April 2006:** Minor violation—failure to keep an internal manifest of hazardous waste transported and stored at their storage facility.

**May 2006:** Class II violation—failure to include negative assurance as required by regulation. (Negative assurance is a method used by Certified Public Accountants to assure various parties that the financial data under review is correct). UTC is coordinating with DTSC to resolve this issue.

Inspection reports are available for review at DTSC's regional office located at 1515 Tollhouse Road, Clovis, CA 93611-0522.

## You can Participate in our Permitting Decisions

The Draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and other site-related documents are available for public review at the information repositories listed below. The entire administrative record is available in the DTSC office in Berkeley.

The administrative record includes copies of the permit application, the Draft CEQA Notice of Exemption, this fact sheet and other site-specific documents.

Seventrees Branch Library  
3597 Cas Drive  
San Jose, CA 95111  
(408) 629-4536

### Hours:

Monday: 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm  
Tuesday & Wednesday: 11:00 am to 8:00 pm  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Sunday: Closed

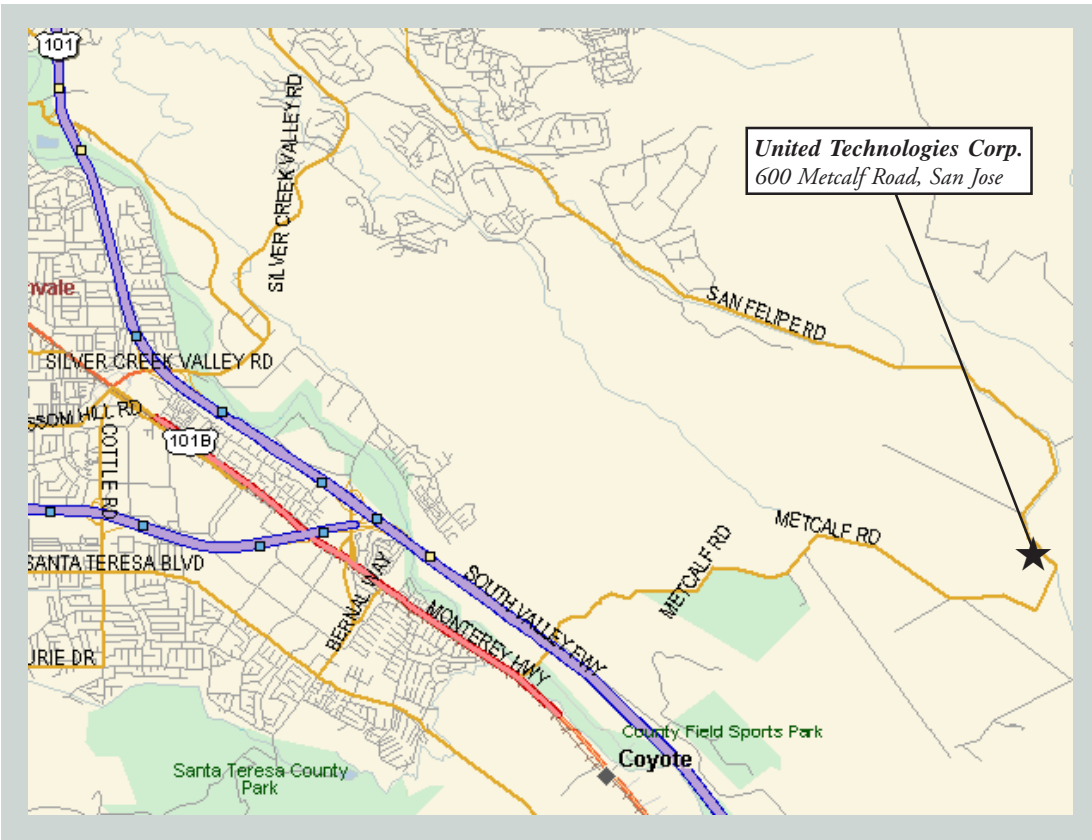
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*Storage Facility - Main Pad*



*Storage Sheds*



*Interior of Storage Magazine*



*Exterior View of Storage Magazines*

### **Anuncio**

Si prefiere hablar con alguien en español acerca de ésta información, favor de llamar a Jacinto Soto, Departamento de Control de Substancias Tóxicas. El número de teléfono es 510-540-3842.

### **Notice to Hearing Impaired Individuals**

TDD users can obtain information about the United Technologies facility by using the California State Relay Service at 888-877-5378. Please ask to speak to Linda Janssen at 916-255-3594.

### **Would you like to be added to or removed from the United Technologies Corporation mailing list?**

If you would like to be added to or removed from the mailing list for the United Technologies site, please fill out the information below and mail back to Linda Janssen, Public Participation Specialist, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826. You can also email your request to be added to or removed from the mailing list by sending a message to [ljanssen@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:ljanssen@dtsc.ca.gov).

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### **Inside:**

**Information about the draft Hazardous Waste Facility Permit renewal and the draft CEQA Notice of Exemption for United Technologies Corporation, and announcement of a public comment period and public meeting.**